

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: BUILDING PERMITS DECREASE

REF: WELLINGTON 2344

1. ACCORDING TO THE LATEST RELEASE BY THE GOVERNMENT STATISTICIAN PERMITS AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF 2,280 NEW HOUSES AND APARTMENTS (OF WHICH 160 WERE AUTHORIZED BY GOVERNMENT VS 90 IN MAY 1976) WITH A VALUE OF 51.6 MILLION DOLLARS WERE ISSUED IN MAY 1977 WHICH WAS A DECREASE OF 12.3 PERCENT IN NUMBER OVER MAY 1976, AND A DECREASE OF 1.3 PERCENT IN VALUE. THUS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MAY 1977 29,244 DWELLING UNITS HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED (VS 31,626 FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 1975).

2. THE VALUE OF NEW DWELLING PERMITS WAS 626.9 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED MAY 1977 VS 598.5 MILLION DOLLARS AND 536.2 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE SIMILAR PERIODS ENDING IN 1976 AND 1975.

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3. THERE WERE 2,200 DWELLING UNITS STARTED, 1,900 COMPLETED, AND 10 CREATED BY CONVERSION DURING MAY 1977 VS 2,600 STARTED, 2,600 COMPLETED AND 20 CREATED BY CONVERSION IN MAY 1976. SELDEN

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